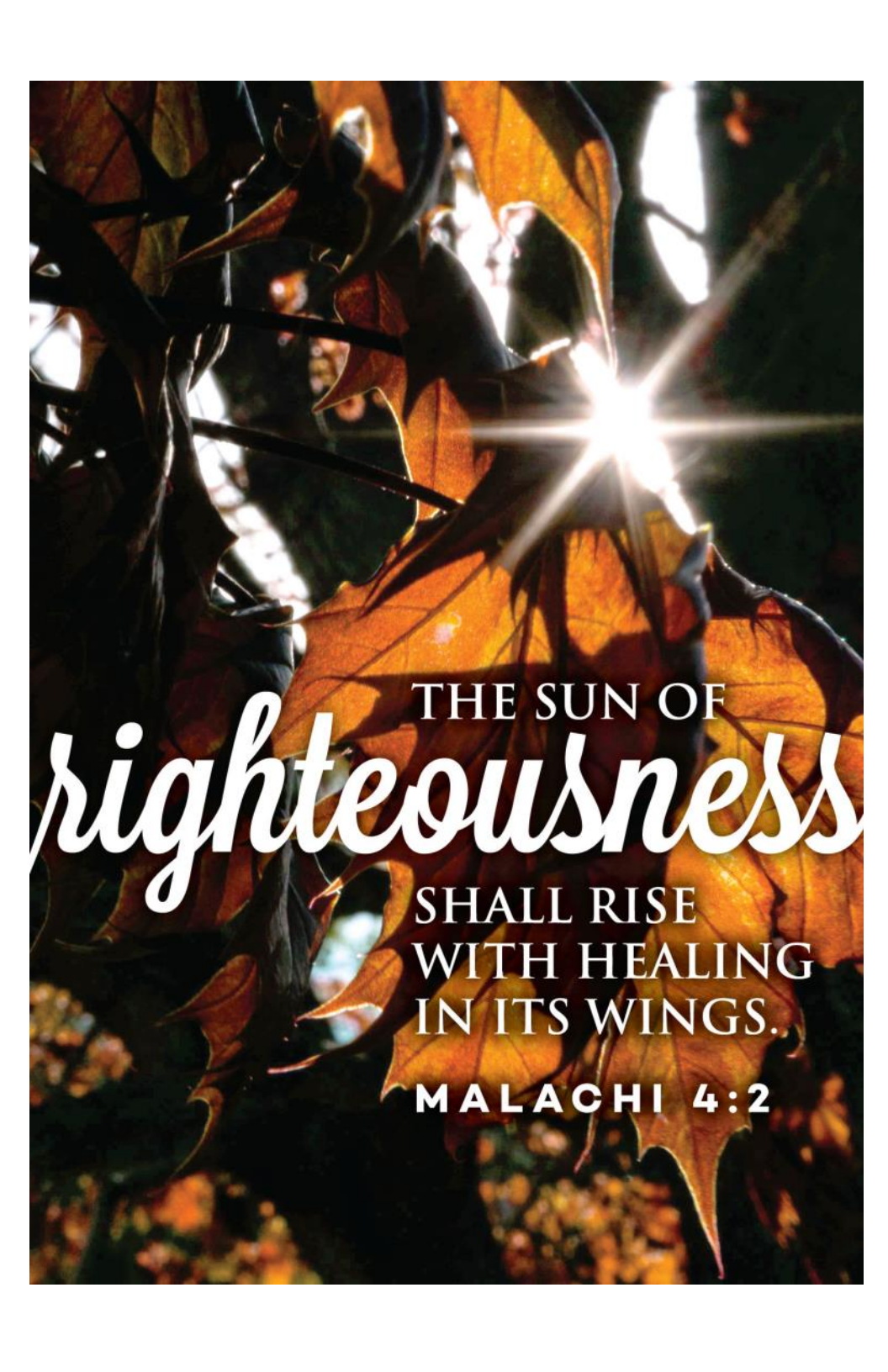




THE SUN OF
righteousness

SHALL RISE
WITH HEALING
IN ITS WINGS.

MALACHI 4:2



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November 16, 2025

Pentecost 24

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 98*

Pre-Service Prayer

Dear Jesus, come to me through Your Word. Lighten my burdened soul with Your grace and forgiveness. Calm my troubled heart with Your peace. Lift my fear and sadness by the good news of Your gospel. Strengthen me to stand ready and watchful—always alert and ready for Your return. Amen.

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Pre-Service Music

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

Hymn: 742 — Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(WS2000 pp. 2-3)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Malachi 4:1-6

God warns of His coming judgment. He also promises

the Sun of Righteousness—the Savior who would come; and He promises to

send “Elijah the Prophet,” namely, John the Baptist.

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Psalms of the Day: *Psalms 98:1-3, 8-9*

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

Cong: **His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

P: The LORD has made known his salvation;

C: **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

New Testament Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Waiting for Jesus to return is taking a long time—at least from a human perspective. God encourages us through Paul’s admonition and instruction to the Thessalonians. While waiting, do not be idle. Work. Share the Gospel. Watch. Be Ready. In a world that can often seem hopeless and best efforts can seem to matter little, do not grow weary.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vv. 1-5) (next page)



"My words will not pass away."

LUKE 21:33

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.



5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

The Sermon

Text: Luke 21:5-24, 34-36

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers' and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance

you will gain your lives. “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Learn from God’s Judgment upon Jerusalem to Prepare for the Final Judgment

- I. Upon what will you trust?
- II. What will you say?
- III. How will you watch?

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (vv. 6-7)

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

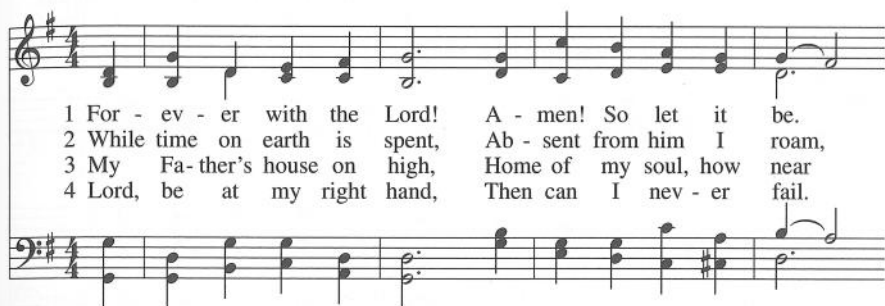
C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: Forever with the Lord (next page)

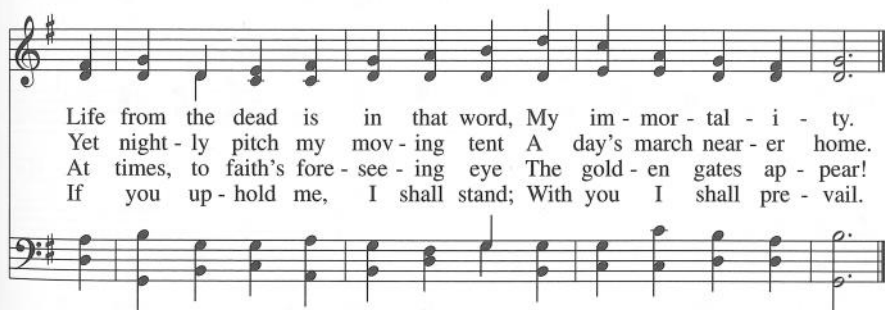
Silent Prayer

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Forever with the Lord



1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So let it be.
2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from him I roam,
3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my soul, how near
4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I nev - er fail.



Life from the dead is in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.
Yet night - ly pitch my mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.
At times, to faith's fore - see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!
If you up - hold me, I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.

5 So when my dying breath
Shall rend the veil in two,
By death I shall escape from death
To endless life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;
How shall I love that word
And oft repeat before the throne,
"Forever with the Lord!"



Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church.

This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (Words with Big Meanings: Faith)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Saturday (November 22)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service **Greeter:** Kevin Shaffer

News & Notes

Trinity's Call: Pastor Thomas Schuetze continues to consider the divine call we have extended to him. He has sent the following:

*Pastor Thomas R. Schuetze
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Dear parishioners of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Christian greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

With this letter I wish to acknowledge receipt of your call to serve as the pastor of your congregation. I have received the call document and accompanying information. I ask for your prayers that the Lord of the Church guide my deliberations so the decision I reach will be in accord with His will and serve for the spiritual well-being of His flocks in Washington and Colorado. When I reach my decision I will be in touch.

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" (2 Thessalonians 3:16,18).

*Sincerely,
Pastor Thomas Schuetze*

Notes from Last Week's Council Meeting:

- **Our Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be the Saturday before Thanksgiving—next Saturday, November 22. All are invited to attend a Thanksgiving Eve worship service at Gethsemane on Wednesday, November 26. The worship services on that day are at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. The evening service is live-streamed.
- **We will not hold midweek Advent services at Trinity.** All are invited to attend midweek Advent worship services at Gethsemane (December 3, 10, 17) at 1:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. The evening service is live-streamed.
- **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services** will be held at Trinity at their usual times: Christmas Eve @ 6:30 p.m. and Christmas Day @ 10:30 a.m.
- **Resuming the Midweek Bible Study** will wait until after the first of the year.
- **Pastoral Needs during the Vacancy:** Without a resident pastor, it can be more difficult to be aware of personal pastoral needs within the congregation. If such need arises, please do not hesitate to phone Pastor Eichstadt (507-380-1068) and/or Dennis Lux so that either the pastor or one of the elders can be of service to you.

Notes from the Last Week's Ladies' Meeting:

- It was decided to put up the **Christmas tree and decorate on Nov 29th** right after the service for anyone willing to help.
- **Christmas party will be on Dec 6th** right after the service. It will be a breakfast brunch and folks just bring what they want, no sign-up sheet. We also have a gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift in the \$10.00 range.



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Calls: Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has **returned** the call to

Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, is considering the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, is considering the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA

The November CLC Missions Prayer List is included in the bulletin insert this morning. You can see the prayer list online as well as blog posts as Missionary Ohlmann travels via this QR code:



First Worship Service in Des Moines, IA: The inaugural worship service of a preaching station in Des Moines, IA was held last Sunday. Pastor Paul Krause reports, “We were blessed in many ways at our first Des Moines service. First of all, we were blessed with your prayers for the Lord's blessings on our endeavors—thank you all very much!

Secondly, the weather was favorable. It did snow a bit on Saturday, but the roads stayed decent, and Sunday dawned cold and windy, yes, but clear. We were blessed with fellowship around the Word. There were 29 in attendance at the service— the majority of whom are living in the Des Moines area. We are looking forward to a second service in the middle of January 2026.

Nominations for ILC Professor and President of Immanuel Lutheran College are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight November 22, 2025 (letters postmarked November 12, 2025) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.



November Cleaners

Sanctuary: Bettinger / **North Entry:** Clark
Basement: Helke

Perspective

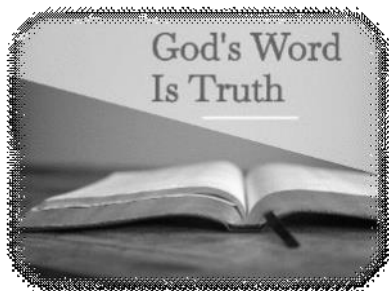
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With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it;
For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,
In His name then close thine eyes, be to Him commended. (TLH 540)

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With the phone begin your task, schedule will direct it
For its aid and counsel ask, email will perfect it.
Every morn with texting rise, and when day is ended
In its glow then close your eyes, charging recommended.





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“Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1: 13).

Whether you are a seamstress following a sewing pattern, a builder following an architect’s blueprint or an engineer’s specs, or a cook following a recipe – all have one thing in common. Follow the “sound pattern” perfectly and the desired outcome will occur. The sewing, building and culinary projects will turn out successful.

Our God has perfectly and wonderfully designed, promised and effected our soul’s salvation in Christ Jesus. And He has chosen to reveal it to us in His inerrant and infallible “pattern of sound words” we know as the Bible, the Holy Scriptures. In so many ways, He has told us: “Follow My pattern, My blueprint, My recipe for your faith journey and you will be richly blessed by receiving the very outcome for which I created and redeemed you – eternal life with Me.”

In a world where so many “religious” leaders have chosen to ignore God’s warnings about altering His “blueprint” (Revelation 22:18-19) to suit their own selfish whims and desires with tragic spiritual and eternal consequences, the Apostle’s words strike home with every faithful child of God: “Hold fast that pattern!” Grab it, grip it, hold on to it for dear life, eternal life. Do so “in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.”

With our faith and souls resting securely in Christ and His Word, we give thanks to God for first “guarding our faith-deposit through His Spirit” (2 Timothy 1:14). Grant us now, O Lord, the faith and love commitment to “hold fast the pattern of sound words” which You have so mercifully deposited with us.

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